

# Kuwait's Prime Minister to take part in regional conference to support Iraq

## Cabinet reviews general framework for a low-carbon strategy



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah (center) chairs the Cabinet's meeting. —KUNA photos



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KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah will take part in the regional conference to support Iraq on August 28, the Kuwaiti Cabinet said during its weekly meeting that was held Monday. After the meeting, Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah affirmed that under the instructions of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister will participate at the regional conference to support Iraq.

The conference aims at supporting the constitutional process in Iraq, facing the challenges it faces and strengthening efforts to promote stability, development, reconstruction and combating terrorism and extremism, he added. His Highness the Prime Minister touched on the results of the latest visit paid by the Prime Minister of Iraq, Mustafa Al-Kadhemi and his accompanying delegation to Kuwait, during which the bilateral ties between the

two countries were discussed.

### Government performance

Meanwhile, the Cabinet was briefed on a visual presentation submitted by Chairman of the Follow-Up of Government Performance Agency Sheikh Ahmad Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and some of his aides regarding the agency's annual report for the year 2020. The report includes violations and procedures as well as general and specific recommendations to be taken to improve the level of government performance. The Cabinet praised the efforts made in preparing the report and the agency's endeavors to follow up on government projects and the observations of the State Audit

Bureau of Kuwait. It decided to assign the agency, in cooperation with all government bodies, to address and implement recommendations mentioned in the report so as to upgrade the level performance.



### Fire Force coordination on environment violations

Furthermore, the Cabinet took a decision to task Kuwait Fire Force with continuing cooperation and coordination with the concerned bodies so as to complete efforts towards taking legal measures against all violators that run counter to preventive safety and environmental requirements. It also decided to entrust the Environment Public Authority to continue following up on all works in Al-Salmi used tires site, and determine the final timetable necessary for completing these works, which contribute

to reducing the recurrence of fire accidents.

### Low-carbon strategy

The Cabinet was informed about a presentation that EPA Director General Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah submitted on the national contributions document and Kuwait's general framework for a low-carbon strategy 2050, in line with the country's endeavors to transform into a low-carbon economy for 2020-2035. The move is part of the country's efforts to achieve development priorities regarding diversifying energy production sources so as to avoid an increase in greenhouse gases by 2035. Finally, the Cabinet discussed the political affairs on the latest developments on Arab and international levels. It followed up the floodwaters that engulfed the US state of Tennessee that left dozens of people killed or wounded, offering its sincere condolences to American people and the families of the victims. It also wished a rapid recovery to those injured. — KUNA

## First flight of Afghan evacuees arrives in Kuwait

KUWAIT: US Ambassador to Kuwait Alina Romanowski announced that the first flight of at-risk Afghan evacuees arrived safely to a coalition military installation in Kuwait yesterday. They were welcomed by dedicated US and Kuwaiti military and diplomatic personnel, the envoy wrote on her Twitter account yesterday. Up to 5,000 Afghans will transit in Kuwait before heading to the US and other destinations, she added.

Kuwait had approved the transit of 5,000 Afghan nationals, who have been evacuated from their country to the US under the directions of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the foreign ministry announced on Sunday. This move comes in "recognition of the strategic relations between the State of Kuwait and the United States of America," according to the ministry statement. It also aims to "enhance the existing

cooperation between them and in continuation of the humanitarian role of the State of Kuwait, which calls for the importance of securing safe passage for diplomats and foreign nationals and the facilitation of evacuations from Afghanistan."

US Ambassador Romanowski had lauded Kuwait for the cooperation for evacuating American citizens and at-risk locals from Afghanistan and has deeply appreciated its support at this level. "Over the past several days, the United States has mobilized an unprecedented global effort to evacuate US citizens, personnel from partner nations, and at-risk individuals from Kabul," the US ambassador said in a press statement released on Monday. "Since August 16, more than 850 Americans and personnel at embassy in Kabul transited safely from Afghanistan to the United States via Kuwait on five separate flights," the statement added.



KUWAIT: A combination of photos that US Ambassador to Kuwait Alina Romanowski posted on her Twitter account yesterday, showing US military personnel and Kuwait-based volunteers helping at-risk Afghan evacuees following their arrival in Kuwait.

## Canada hails Kuwait's efforts to evacuate foreign diplomats from Afghanistan



Canadian Foreign Minister Marc Garneau (left) and Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Sabah.

KUWAIT: Canada appreciates Kuwait's efforts to repatriate Canadian and other international diplomats in Afghanistan, its foreign minister told his Kuwaiti counterpart in a phone call yesterday, as countries press on with the evacuation of their nationals from Kabul. Discussing the develop-

ments in Afghanistan, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Nasser Al-Sabah and Canadian Foreign Minister Marc Garneau agreed that it was imperative to ensure the smooth exodus of foreign diplomats there, which is necessary to save lives. — KUNA

## Divers remove fishing nets south of Kuwait Bay



KUWAIT: Kuwait Dive Team announced yesterday its volunteers have recently removed fishing nets south of Kuwait Bay near Jaber Causeway. The nets, weighing one ton, were removed from a depth of three

meters under water in cooperation with Kuwait Coast Guard and the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources. Several dead fish were found stuck in the nets, team leader Waleed Al-Fadhel said. — KUNA